DODGE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING 127 EAST OAK STREET JUNEAU, WI 53039 SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee met on September 30, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Rooms 1F and 1G of the Dodge County Administration Building.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, MaryAnn Miller, and John Schmid.

Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present: Marc Bethke, Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; John Bohonek, Dodge County Land Conservation Department Engineering Technician; Tom Schaefer, County Board Member; Nathan Fikkert, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); Susan Blachowiak, USDA-Farm Services Agency (FSA), Rich Christian and Mike Berg, USDA-Animal Damage Control Office in Waupun.

Others Present: Greg Farnham, Ruth Johnson, Kurt Heckl, Kathy Rydquist, Louis Leizinger Jr., Neill Stoppelworth, Marlene Stoppleworth, Bob Bergman, Dawn Haertel, and others that did not sign the meeting attendance sheet.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING: Motion by Miller to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2013 meeting; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS: Greg Farnham, Ruth Johnson, Kurt Heckl, Kathy Rydquist and Dawn Haertel all shared comments regarding their disappointment that at the August 26, 2013 meeting of the Dodge County Land Conservation Committee, a majority of the committee members had voted in opposition to a motion to create and advance an ordinance to the Dodge County Board of Supervisors that would have regulated the winter spreading of manure in surface water quality management areas. Comments were also made that the committee reconsider its decision from the August 26th meeting. Just prior to taking public comments, Chairman Ed Nelson read a letter of response that had been signed by Mr. Nelson, County Board Chairman Russell Kottke, and County Administrator Jim Mielke, explaining the county's position on this issue.

AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS: Nathan Fikkert reported on significant work activities and issues of the Juneau USDA-NRCS Field Office. Susan Blachowiak reported on significant work activities and issues of the Juneau USDA-FSA Field Office.

REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES: The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF CONSERVATION PLANS: Motion by Kriewald to approve and sign conservation plans as presented by Nathan Fikkert; seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

NOMINATE JIM MIELKE AS INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE TO LAKE SINISSIPPI IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO FILL UNEXPIRRED TERM OF HOWARD KRIEWALD – ENDING APRIL 2014: In order to fill the unexpired term of Howard

Kriewald on the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Board of Commissioners, motion was made by Ed Nelson to nominate County Administrator Jim Mielke to serve as the interim representative from Dodge County on the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Board of Commissioners until after spring county board elections and committee appointments are completed, seconded by Howard Kriewald. Motion carried.

REVIEW/APPROVE 2014 WILDLIFE CROP DAMAGE PROGRAM BUDGET: Rich Christian and Mike Berg of the USDA-Animal Damage Control Office in Waupun presented the proposed Dodge County Wildlife Crop Damage Program Budget for 2014. Motion by Kriewald to approve and sign the Dodge County Wildlife Crop Damage Program Budget for 2014 as presented; seconded by Macheel. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST TO DELEGATE AN LCD STAFF EMPLOYEE TO SIGN USDA CONSERVATION PLANS IN HIS ABSENCE: Marc Bethke explained that there may be times in the future when the county conservationist's signature is needed on a USDA conservation plan, but the county conservationist is on leave and unavailable to sign a plan. Motion by Kriewald to authorize the County Conservationist to delegate another qualified Land Conservation Department staff employee the authority to sign USDA conservation plans in emergency situations, and while the county conservationist is on leave; seconded by MaryAnn Miller. Motion carried.

2013 SOIL EROSION TRANSECT SURVEY RESULTS: Marc Bethke presented a written report to the Land Conservation Committee summarizing the findings from the 2013 Dodge County Soil Erosion Transect Survey.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM: Two Voluntary Notices of Noncompliance was presented for committee review and action. Motion by Kriewald to authorize the Chair to sign Voluntary Notices of Noncompliance for Dorothy Walker, Town of Trenton; and for Larry Sellnow, Town of Shields; seconded by Miller. Motion carried. Marc Bethke gave a status report on annual conservation compliance certification activities. It was reported that there are still 11 program participants that have not yet submitted their 2013 report and \$25.00 service fee payment. Second notice letters and final notice letters were sent out during September attempting to obtain their reports and service fee payments. The next step will be to send certified letters warning of the issuance of Involuntary Notices of Noncompliance. This step will not take place until after the October meeting of the Land Conservation Committee.

COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT: Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS: Howard Kriewald reported that he had attended the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting on September 10, 2013 at which time he resigned as Dodge County's appointed representative to the lake district board of commissioners. On behalf of the committee, Ed Nelson thanked Howard for his 13 years of service as commissioner on the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Board of Commissioners.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marc Bethke distributed copies of minutes from the July 9 and August 10, 2013 meetings of the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Board of Commissioners to each committee member. Marc also reported that the Southern Area Land and Water Conservation Association Tour and fall meeting will be held in Dane County on October 10th. Howard Kriewald agreed to represent Dodge County at the tour and meeting. Marc also reported that copies of six letters from concerned Dodge County lake residents (four from Fox Lake, one from Lake Emily, one from Lake Sinissippi) were placed in today's meeting packet of correspondence, as well as a copy of a Dodge County letter of response to each of these individuals, and also a copy of a letter from the Fox Lake Inland Lake District to County Board Chair Russell Kottke, and finally a copy of a letter from the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District to the Wisconsin Land and Water

Conservation Board, all letters expressing concerns over the Land Conservation Committee's decision at the August 26, 2013 meeting to not create and advance a manure spreading ordinance to the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Miller to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

Howard Kriewald – Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting on September 10, 2013 – per diem and 20 miles

Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 4C of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 10:45 AM; seconded by Schmid. Motion carried.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

(BILLS)

One Landowner – Land & Water Cost Sharing =	\$ 276.50
Robert Bird – August Expenses =	\$ 16.22
Marc Bethke – August Expenses =	\$ 9.48
Joe's Auto Service – 1999 Ford Ranger Maintenance =	\$ 24.00
WLWCA – County Conservationists Fall Meeting Registration =	\$ 70.00
John Bohonek – September Expenses =	\$ 20.00
TOTAL =	\$ 416.20

(REVENUE)

29 FPP Service Fee Payments =	\$	725.00
One Landowner – Manure Storage Ordinance Permit Fee =	\$	750.00
DATCP - Land & Water Cost Share Reimbursement =	<u>\$</u>	276.50
TOTAL =	\$	1,751.50

SEPTEMBER 2013 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT

SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:

- Attended nutrient management and Farmland Preservation Program update meeting in Jefferson on August 27, 2013
- Met with Mike Stanek to work on the educational needs survey in preparation for winter educational forums
- Participated in Dodge County NRCS field office EQIP Local Workgroup Meeting on August 29, 2013
- Continued to solicit and process 2013 Farmland Preservation Program Annual Certification Reports and service fee payments
- Worked with Dodge County Administrator Jim Mielke to finalize 2014 Land Conservation Department Budget request
- Robert Bird and I met with Horicon DNR staff on September 16th to acquire waste water treatment facility pollutant discharge reduction numbers under the Rock River TMDL, and attended Rock River TMDL Ag. Sector meeting in Jefferson on September 20th. Also had a conference call with DNR staff in Madison regarding having them model a small watershed in Dodge County to identify "hot spots" for possible phosphorus reduction on Dodge County farms.
- Made preparations for conducting merit based employee performance evaluations beginning fall of 2013.